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INVEST IN WHAT WORKS COALITION FY 2025 REQUESTS

Dear Chairs Murray, Granger, Vice Chair Collins, and Ranking Member DeLauro:

We want to thank you for your strong continued commitment over the past twelve years to ensuring that the federal government is at the forefront of building and using evidence and data to invest in what works. Under your leadership, the federal government has made great strides in driving taxpayer dollars toward evidence-based, results-driven solutions. We are writing today to encourage you to continue this progress by providing robust FY25 funding for the 98 federal programs that are helping advance economic mobility by [defining and prioritizing evidence of effectiveness](#). These programs are spurring innovation, promoting continuous learning, and scaling solutions that work all across the country.

Our funding and language recommendations will continue to help harness the power of evidence and data to improve outcomes and advance economic mobility at the: Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies; Departments of Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies; Departments of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies; and Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Agencies.

We thank you, once again, for your continued commitment to getting better results for young people, their families, and communities through evidence-based policymaking.

Sincerely,

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Actionable Intelligence for Social Policy (AISP)
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Aligned Impact Muscatine County
All4Ed
Alliance for Learning Innovation
America Forward
America's Service Commissions
American Educational Research Association
Ampact - Reading Corps and Math Corps
BellXcel
Bottom Line
California Policy Lab
Center for Employment Opportunities
Center for Research and Reform in Education
Children First/Park Partnership for Success
City of Seattle
Code for America
Coleridge Initiative
Credential Engine
Data Quality Campaign
EDGE Consulting Partners
Education Partnerships Coalition
Education Reform Now
Finding Common Purpose
Friends of the Children
Greater Milwaukee Foundation
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Institute for Higher Education Policy (IHEP)
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National Prevention Science Coalition to Improve Lives
New America Higher Education Program
New Moms

Partners For Rural Impact
Power to Decide
Project Evident
Promise Partnership Utah
REDF
Results for America
Research Institute for Key Indicators
RiseUp Red Wing
Seeding Success
Social Finance
Spartanburg Academic Movement
StriveTogether
Success for All Foundation, Inc.
Teach For America
The Institute for College Access & Success
The Policy & Research Group
Toledo Tomorrow
Transcend
U.S. Soccer Foundation
United Way of Central Minnesota
United Way of Piedmont Inc.
United Way of the Blue Mountains
United Way of Salt Lake
Utah's Promise
Waterbury Bridge to Success Community Partnership
Waterford.org
Nurse-Family Partnership
Child First

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FY 2025 SUMMARY OF INVEST IN WHAT WORKS COALITION REQUESTS

Proposed Overarching Language: Investing in Evidence-based Programs

The Committee is committed to increasing investments in evidence-based programs; rigorous program evaluations; and enhanced access to integrated data. The Committee has included language throughout the bill encouraging agencies to define and prioritize evidence of effectiveness in its practices, policies, and programs to help improve outcomes for all populations.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

- Evaluation Set-Aside: directs that 1% of discretionary funds be set-aside for program evaluations.
- Evidence-Based Grant-Making: requires evidence of effectiveness for all competitive/non-competitive grant awards.
- Strengthening Data Capacity/Infrastructure: adds allowable uses for programmatic/administrative competitive grants.
- Foundation for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act: directs the Secretary to report on the progress/implementation.
- Strengthening Data Privacy: calls upon the Secretary of DOL/Ed for guidance on integrated data/student/worker privacy.
- \$170,000,000 – Reintegration of Ex-Offenders: supports evidence-based interventions to improve employment outcomes.
- \$40,000,000 – Workforce Data Quality Initiative: supports state/local capacity for employment/educational outcomes.
- \$550,000,000 – Reemployment Services/Eligibility Assessments: requires state plans for evidence-based interventions.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- Evidence-Based Grant Making: requires evidence of effectiveness for all competitive/non-competitive grant awards.
- Strengthening Data Capacity/Infrastructure: adds allowable uses for programmatic/administrative competitive grants.
- Foundation for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act: directs the Secretary to report on the progress/implementation.
- Bureau of Primary Health Care: supports partnerships with health centers/home visiting to improve maternal/child outcomes.
- Maternal Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program: encourages coordination with other health agencies.
- \$30,000,000 – Suicide prevention: supports data-driven, evidence-based initiatives to prevent suicide.
- \$38,400,000 - Healthy Schools: supports evidence-based school interventions.
- \$5,000,000 - Prevention and Public Health Promotion: addresses health inequities for pregnant/postpartum women.
- Community Mental Health Services Block Grant: sets aside 10% for evidence-based treatment/mental health needs.
- \$119,275,000 – Minority AIDS: expands effective HIV/AIDS, evidence-based interventions.
- \$158,000,000 – Targeted Capacity Expansion Grants: supports community-based substance abuse treatment responses.
- \$34,000,000 – Homeless Prevention: prevents and reduces chronic homeless.
- \$553,000,000 – Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics: supports community-based mental/substance abuse services.
- \$225,000,000 – Children’s Mental Health Services: prepares children/youth for successful transition to adulthood.
- \$244,000,000 – Project Aware: builds school infrastructure for trauma-informed support services.
- \$30,451,000 – Healthy Transitions: provides access to mental health care for those at risk of mental health conditions.
- \$28,200,000 – National Strategy for Suicide Prevention: implements zero suicide models.
- Crisis Set-aside: 5 percent within the MHBG to implement evidence-based crisis care.
- \$4,000,000 – Mental Health/Transformation/Reform: builds capacity for evidence-based supported employment.
- \$2,000,000,000 – State Opioid Response Grants: addresses the public health crisis caused by opioid/substance abuse.
- \$6,000,000 – Comprehensive Opioid Recovery Centers: provides access to treatment and evidence-based resources.
- \$57,000,000 – First Responder Training: trains rural communities with high rates of substance abuse.
- \$8,000,000 – Emergency Department Alternatives to Opioids: supports hospitals/ERs for evidence-based best practices.
- \$28,000,000 – Building Communities of Recovery/Peer Support: supports evidence-based approaches for those in recovery.
- \$74,000,000 – Drug Courts: supports training and evidence-based practices for the unique needs of this population.
- \$50,000,000 – Pregnant and Postpartum Women: supports family centered evidence-based approaches to treatment.
- \$12,000,000 – Treatment/Recovery/Workforce: supports evidence-based approaches to SUD treatment and recovery.
- \$10,000,000 – Assertive Community with SMI: supports Community-based behavioral health/evidence practices.
- \$2,000,000 – Centers for LBGTQI: supports behavioral health practitioners and evidence-based family counseling.
- \$2,000,000 – Preventing Youth Overdose: trains healthcare/provider for safe youth medications/evidence.
- \$8,000,000 – Chronic Disease Self-Management: supports improving health through education for self-care.
- \$30,000,000 – Kinship Navigator: supports evidence-based priority for the Family First Prevention and Services Act.

- Personal Responsibility Education Program: supports evidence-based programs to promote contraceptive use/STI.
- \$31,500,000 – Alzheimer’s Disease: supports evidence-based practices for the Center on Alzheimer’s/Dementia.
- \$7,500,000 – Elder Falls: promotes healthy behavior/evidence-based programs for wellbeing/injury reduction.
- \$150,000,000 – Teen Pregnancy Prevention: supports accurate/age-appropriate programs to reduce teen pregnancy.
- \$7,892,000 – Teen Pregnancy Evidence Review: evaluates approaches to teen pregnancy prevention.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

- Evaluation Set-Aside: sets aside 1% of discretionary funds for evaluations with the exception of Pell Grants.
- Evidence-Based Grant Making: requires evidence of effectiveness for all competitive/non-competitive grant awards.
- Strengthening Data Capacity/Infrastructure: adds allowable uses for programmatic/administrative competitive grants.
- Foundation for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act: directs the Secretary to report on the progress/implementation.
- Strengthening Data Privacy: directs the Secretary of ED/DOL for guidance on integrated data/student/worker privacy.
- Grants to LEAs: requires States to set-aside 7% of funds for evidence-based improvement for low-performing schools.
- \$194,000,000 – Comprehensive Literacy Development Grants: supports grants for disadvantaged/low-income children.
- \$149,000,000 – Magnet School Assistance: supports diversity/increased choice in public schools.
- \$72,000,000 – Special Programs/Indian Children: supports achievement/evidence for culturally-appropriate programs.
- \$514,000,000 – Education Innovation and Research: supports field-initiated efforts for evidence-based projects.
- \$94,000,000 – Supporting Effective Educator Development Grants: advances evidence-based opportunities for educators.
- \$60,000,000 – Comprehensive Centers: provides capacity-building services to improve educational outcomes, close achievement gaps, and improve instructional quality.
- \$23,000,000 - American History and Civics Education: supports evidence-based instruction and professional development.
- \$16,500,000 – Javits Gifted and Talented: builds capacity to identify gifted/talented students.
- \$134,500,000 – Personnel Prep: supports prep for teachers to work with children with disabilities/evidence-based practices.
- \$75,345,000 – supports demonstration programs for technology/evidence-based under IDEA.
- \$31,433,000 – Technology/Media: supports media activities/evidence approaches for children with disabilities.
- \$5,796,000 – Demonstration/Training: supports employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities.
- \$601,000,000 – School Safety and National Activities: supports school safety and expanding mental health services.
- \$8,000,000 – Project Prevent: Boosts capacity for LEAs to address high crime rates.
- \$182,000,000 – Promise Neighborhoods: supports youth education in distressed communities/evidence interventions.
- \$443,000,000 – Full-Service Community Schools: supports evidence-based models to meet needs of children and families.
- \$900,000,000 – Institute of Education Sciences: supports research and evaluation to meet educator and policymaker needs.
- \$246,500,000 – Hispanic-Serving Institutions: supports improving academic/career/evidence-based professional development.
- \$27,769,000 – Promoting Postbaccalaureate Opportunities for Hispanic Americans: supports graduate study.
- \$18,899,000 – Strengthening Asian/Native American/Pacific Islander: expands educational opportunities.
- \$100,000,000 – Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems: support to develop/maintain/expand state longitudinal data systems.
- \$1,297,761,000 – Federal TRIO Programs: encourages low-income/first-generation students to enter/complete college.
- \$400,000,000 – Gaining Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduates: supports students pursuing postsecondary education.
- \$100,000,000 – Postsecondary Student Success Grants: supports students who have started but not completed higher ed.
- \$10,000,000 – Basic Needs System Grants (Postsecondary Students Program): supports evidence-based approaches to improve education outcomes.
- \$5,000,000 – Transitioning Gang Involved Youth: support work preparation/job readiness/evidence-based services.
- \$45,000,000 – Rural Postsecondary/Economic Development: supports evidence-based approaches to improve enrollment.
- Higher Education Evaluation Set-Aside: directs 0.5% to be set aside for evaluation of higher ed programs, except for Pell Grants.

RELATED AGENCY – CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

- \$764,000,000 – AmeriCorps State/National Grants: supports evidence-informed solutions for community-based orgs.
- \$6,250,000 – Evaluation: supports evaluations to ensure effective policies/practices to build strong evidence of effectiveness.

GENERAL PROVISION – DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HHS AND EDUCATION

- Improving Data Reporting: directs the DOL/ED to report on how to improve data reporting systems.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE AND RELATED AGENCIES

- Evaluation Set-Aside: directs the Secretary to set aside 1% of discretionary funds for evaluations.
- Evidence-Based Grantmaking: requires evidence of effectiveness for all competitive/non-competitive grant awards.
- Strengthening Data Capacity/Infrastructure: provides allowable uses for programmatic/administrative competitive grants.
- Foundation for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act: directs the Secretary to report on the progress/implementation.
- \$157,000,000 – Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Grants (Title 11 formula): supports education, training, research, and prevention.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE DEPARTMENTS OF TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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- Strengthening Data Capacity/Infrastructure: provides allowable uses for programmatic/administrative competitive grants.
- Foundation for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act: directs the Secretary to report on the progress/implementation.
- \$450,000,000 – Choice Neighborhoods Initiative: supports evidence-based approaches to community/economic needs.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE DEPARTMENT ON STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS AND RELATED AGENCIES

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- Foundation for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act: directs the Secretary to report on progress and implementation.
- \$45,000,000 – USAID – Development Innovation Ventures: supports tiered-evidence for testing/developing/scaling-up.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

GENERAL PROVISION

Evaluation Set-Aside. – The bill continues to use a set-aside funding mechanism to support the evaluation of employment and training programs. Instead of directly providing funds for evaluation, the Committee recommendation supports evaluation activities, and has increased the set aside from 0.75 percent to 1.0 percent for all training and employment programs. These funds ensure that sufficient funding is available to carry out comprehensive evaluation and applied research activities in consultation with the Department’s chief evaluation officer, who oversees the evaluation program. Results will inform policy, advance the Department’s mission, and improve its performance-based management initiatives.

DEPARTMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Evidence-Based Grant Making. – The Committee directs the Secretary to ensure that evidence of effectiveness and evidence building is part of the selection criteria for all competitive grant programs and to provide enhancements to its technical assistance and support activities for applicants. Noncompetitive formula grant funds have a range of evidence requirements and preferences which the Department is directed to support through enhancements to its technical assistance and support activities.

Strengthening Data Capacity - The Committee is pleased that the Office of Management and Budget has revised the Uniform Grants Guidance to clarify that grant funds may be spent on data, evaluation, and integrated data systems as direct or indirect costs and also on community engagement, which can play a critical role in data collection and analysis as well as evaluation. To ensure grantees receive consistent guidance from agencies, the Committee directs the Secretary to coordinate with OMB to communicate this new guidance and best practices for implementing it.

Foundation for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act. – The Committee continues to believe that the execution of the Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act will enhance the evidence-building capacity of Federal agencies, strengthen privacy protections, improve secure access to data, and provide more and higher quality evidence to policymakers. Therefore, the Committee directs the Department to continue to include in the Fiscal Year 2025 and future Congressional Justifications an update on the implementation of such Act for the current and future budget years.

Strengthening Data Privacy. – The Committee directs the Secretary of Labor in conjunction with the Secretary of Education to provide guidance and technical assistance on integrated data systems and student and worker privacy. This guidance should build on and expand the guidance issued by the Privacy Technical Assistance Center in January 2017 (PTAC-IB-4).

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Reintegration of Ex-Offenders. – The Committee recommends \$170,000,000, including \$25,000,000 for intermediaries, for the Reintegration of Ex-Offenders program which helps prepare and assist adult ex-offenders in returning to their communities through pre-release services, mentoring, job training, and case management. This competitive grant program provides funding opportunities built on evidence-based interventions or promising practices that will lead to improved employment outcomes for young adults between the ages of 18 to 24 who have been involved in either the juvenile or adult justice system or adults ages 25 or older who have been incarcerated in the adult criminal justice system.

Workforce Data Quality Initiative. – The Committee has included \$40,000,000 for the Workforce Data Quality Initiative to support competitive grants to develop and enhance longitudinal data systems that integrate education and workforce data. This initiative will help build State and local capacity and coordinate with organizations to track employment and educational outcomes of Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) program participants, including those with disabilities, and provide information about job success rates and training programs.

STATE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OPERATIONS

Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessments (RESEA). – The Committee recommends \$550,000,000 for the RESEA program, \$117,000,000 in base funding and an additional \$433,000,000 made available pursuant to the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 (PL 115– 123). The Committee continues to support the RESEA program and urges the Department to focus its efforts on requiring States to submit a plan with a description of evidence-based interventions and policies to help the unemployed find work and reduce the rate of improper payments in the unemployment insurance system.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION - PRIMARY HEALTH CARE

Bureau of Primary Health Care. – The Committee supports HRSA’s continued promotion of expanded partnerships between Health Centers and evidence-based home visiting programs to improve maternal and child health outcomes in high-need communities, and school-based expansion services. The Committee urges the Bureau of Primary Health Care to identify how these partnerships may fit within Health Centers’ scope of practice, ways home visiting programs can provide cost effective benefits, care coordination and service referral to help Health Centers achieve community health goals.

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV). – The Committee also supports voluntary, evidence-based home visiting services during pregnancy for parents and youth. The MIECHV program builds upon scientific research showing that home visits by a nurse, social worker, early childhood educator, or other trained professional during pregnancy and in the first years of life to improve health outcomes. The Committee encourages HRSA to explore opportunities to coordinate with other health agencies and develop data exchange standards and demonstrations to expand benchmark measures to improve the lives of vulnerable children and families.

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

INJURY PREVENTION AND CONTROL

Suicide Prevention.—The Committee recommends \$30,000,000 for suicide prevention grants for a public health approach to suicide prevention including coordinating with multisector partners to take a data-driven, evidence-based initiative to address the range of risk and protective factors associated with suicide. The Committee directs CDC to prioritize funding to State public health departments to expand the Comprehensive Suicide Prevention program nationwide, and to help tribes and territories build capacity and implement strategies to prevent suicide.

CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION AND HEALTH PROMOTION

Healthy Schools. - The Committee has included \$38,400,000 for programs to promote local communities and school-based interventions to implement evidence-based, comprehensive health policies, practices, and programs designed to improve the health of students and staff and advance equity.

Prevention and Public Health Promotion. - The Committee has included \$5,000,000 to build healthy communities to improve and optimize care and improve health inequities including pregnant and postpartum women.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION MENTAL HEALTH

Community Mental Health Services Block Grant. – The Committee recommends setting aside at least 10 percent of the funds for the MHBG program for evidence-based programs to address the needs of individuals with early serious mental illness, including psychotic disorders. The Committee directs SAMHSA to continue to ensure that funds from this set-aside are only used for programs showing strong evidence of effectiveness and that target the first episode of psychosis.

Minority AIDS Initiative. –The Committee recommends a total of \$119,275,000, across SAMHSA, to expand access to effective, culturally competent, HIV/AIDS-related mental health services in racial and ethnic minority communities, for people living with or are at high risk for HIV/AIDS. The committee encourages SAMSHA to use evidence-based interventions for the provision of care and services, and improve client data collection, and continuous quality improvement.

MENTAL HEALTH

Targeted Capacity Expansion Grants. – The Committee has included \$158,000,000 for targeted capacity expansion grants to provide rapid, comprehensive, and integrated community-based responses, including evidence-based substance use disorder or co-occurring disorder harm reduction, for substance abuse treatment and recovery services. Also

included is funding to create an innovative pilot program to address housing needs for people with substance use disorders and those with other mental health conditions who are at risk for homelessness.

Homelessness Prevention Programs.—The Committee includes an increase of \$34,000,000 for Homeless Prevention Programs to help prevent or reduce chronic homelessness by funding services, including evidence-based approaches for individuals and families experiencing homelessness while living with severe mental illness or co-occurring mental and substance disorders. The program addresses the need for treatment and support service provision to individuals and families.

Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC). – The Committee recommends \$553,000,000 for CCBHCs that improve health for citizens that provide community-based mental, and substance use disorder services; advance integration of behavioral health with physical healthcare; assimilate and utilize evidence-based practices more consistently; promote, improve, and expand and implement access to high-quality care.

Children’s Mental Health Program. The Committee recommends \$225,000,000 for services to help prepare children and youth for successful transition to adulthood and assume adult roles and responsibilities by delivering services in the least restrictive environment with evidence-supported treatments and interventions.

Project AWARE. – The Committee recommends \$244,000,000 for Project Aware including programs for Resilience in Communities after Stress and Trauma; Cooperative Agreements for School-Based Trauma-Informed Support Services; and Mental Health Care for Children and Youth (Trauma-Informed Services in Schools). All three programs are a part of a comprehensive mental health project that focuses on building infrastructure within schools and communities to provide trauma-informed, developmentally appropriate, evidence-based, and culturally competent services to children and youth, their families, and their communities.

Healthy Transitions.—The Committee recommends \$30,451,000 for the Healthy Transitions program, which provides grants to States and tribes to improve access to mental healthcare treatment and related support services, including evidence-based approaches, for young people aged 16 to 25 who either have, or are at risk of developing, a serious mental health condition.

National Strategy for Suicide Prevention.—The Committee includes \$28,200,000 for suicide prevention programs, including funds for the implementation of the Zero Suicide model, which is a comprehensive, evidence-based, multi-setting approach to suicide prevention within health systems.

Crisis Set-Aside.—The Committee continues the 5 percent set-aside within the MHBG for States to implement evidence-based, crisis care programs to address the needs of individuals in crisis including those with serious mental illnesses and children with serious mental and emotional distress. The Committee directs SAMHSA to continue to use the set-aside to fund, at the discretion of eligible States and Territories, some or all of a set of core crisis care elements including 24/7 mobile crisis units, local and Statewide call centers with the capacity to respond to distressed or suicidal individuals, and other programs that allow the development of systems where individuals can always receive assistance during a crisis.

Mental Health System Transformation and Health Reform.—The Committee recommends \$4,000,000 for grants to enhance state and community capacity to provide evidence-based supported employment programs and mutually compatible and supportive evidence-based practices for adults and youth with serious mental illness, serious emotional disturbances and co-occurring mental and substance use disorders.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT

State Opioid Response Grants. – The Committee recommends \$2,000,000,000 for grants to address the public health crisis caused by opioid misuse and substance use disorder. Grantees are required to use epidemiological data to demonstrate the critical gaps in availability of treatment and utilize evidence-based implementation strategies to identify which system design models will most rapidly and adequately address the gaps in their systems. The funding includes

\$75.0 million set-aside for the Tribal Opioid Response program; and \$20,000,000 for Medications for Opioid Overdose Reversal and Treatment.

Comprehensive Opioid Recovery Centers.—The Committee includes \$6,000,000, to help ensure that people with substance use disorders can access proper treatment and the use of evidence-based resources that educate professionals and the public on opioid use disorder and other substance use disorders, including co-occurring substance use and mental disorders.

First Responder Training.—The Committee recommends \$57,000,000 for First Responder Training grants. Funds are set aside for rural communities with high rates of substance use and to establish policies and procedures for the implementation of evidence-based trauma-informed care practices.

Emergency Department Alternatives to Opioids.—The Committee includes \$8,000,000 to award grants to hospitals and emergency departments to develop, implement, enhance, or study and evidence-based approaches and best practices to alternatives to opioids for pain management, especially across different racial, ethnic, and cultural groups.

Building Communities of Recovery and Peer Support Networks.— The Committee recommends \$28,000,000 for peer led community organizations and recovery support services, career services and evidence-based practices for people in recovery from substance use disorder through partnerships with local organizations

Drug Courts.—The Committee recommends \$74,000,000 for Drug Courts. The Committee directs SAMHSA to expand training and technical assistance to drug treatment court grant recipients to ensure evidence-based practices are fully implemented and meet the unique needs of the diverse population at risk.

Pregnant and Postpartum Women program.—The Committee recommends \$50,000,000 so support family-centered approaches for comprehensive residential SUD treatment services for pregnant and postpartum women, their minor children and other family members including practices that have a demonstrated evidence-based approaches that are appropriate for the population(s) of focus.

Treatment, Recovery, and Workforce Support.—The Committee recommends \$12,000,000 to help implement evidence-based programs to support individuals in SUD treatment and recover to live independently and participate in the workforce.

Assertive Community Treatment for Individuals with Serious Mental Illness. – The Committee recommends \$10,000,000 for community-based behavioral health non-profit organizations; Indian tribes or tribal organizations; mental health systems; health care facilities. The goal is to improve behavioral health outcomes for individuals by reducing rates of hospitalization, mortality, substance use, homelessness, and involvement with the criminal justice system. Evidence-based practices are considered to be one of the most effective approaches to delivering services to individuals with the most severe impairments associated with SMI/SED.

The Center of Excellence on LBTQI+ Behavioral Health Equity. – The Committee recommends \$2,000,000 for behavioral health practitioners with vital information on supporting the population of people identifying as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex, two-spirit, and other diverse sexual orientations, gender identities, and expressions. Programs including development and implementing a training plan for counselors and their supervisors on evidence-based family counseling intervention(s).

Preventing Youth Overdose: The Committee recommends \$2,000,000 for health care providers and other entities to increase access to medication for opioid use disorder for adolescents and young adults and to train healthcare providers on the safe drug prescribing, with a focus on services that have a demonstrated evidence-base and that are appropriate for the focus population.

ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Chronic Disease Self-Management Program. - The Committee recommends \$8,000,000 to be transferred from the PPH Fund to ACL for the Chronic Disease Self-Management Program [CDSMP]. This program assists those with chronic disease with education to manage their conditions and improve their health status. Topics covered by the program include nutrition; appropriate use of medications; fitness; and effective communications with healthcare providers. Multiple studies have shown CDSMP to result in significant and measurable improvements in health and quality of life, as well as reductions in hospitalizations and emergency room visits.

PROMOTING SAFE AND STABLE FAMILIES

Kinship Navigator. – The Committee recommendation includes \$30,000,000 for the Kinship Navigator Programs to help build an evidence base in order for programs to become eligible for mandatory funding available under the Family First Prevention and Services Act (FFPSA).

Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP). – The Committee supports the PREP program that provides and replicates evidence-based, effective programs and strategies that have been proven on the basis of rigorous scientific research to change behavior, to delay sexual activity, increase condom or contraceptive use for sexually active youth, to reduce teen pregnancy and prevent sexually transmitted infections including HIV/AIDS.

ADMINISTRATION FOR COMMUNITY LIVING AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES PROGRAMS

Alzheimer's Disease Program. – The Committee recommends \$31,500,000 for the development and implementation of person-centered services to support partnerships with public and private entities to identify and address the unique needs of persons with Alzheimer's disease and their caregivers. Funds are also included to continue and expand The National Alzheimer's and Dementia Resource Center that supports grants to implement evidence-based interventions and innovative practices designed to empower and assist caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.

Elder Falls Prevention. - The Committee recommends \$7,500,000 for Elder Falls Prevention activities. Preventing falls, including evidence-based approaches that will help seniors stay independent and in their homes and avoid costly hospitalizations and hip fractures, which frequently lead to nursing home placement.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY DEPARTMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program. – The Committee recommends \$150,000,000 for making competitive contracts and grants to public and private entities to fund medically accurate and age-appropriate programs that reduce teen pregnancy and for the Federal costs associated with administering and evaluating such contracts and grants, of which not more than 10 percent of the available funds shall be for training and technical assistance, evaluation, outreach, and additional program support activities, and of the remaining amount 75 percent shall be for replicating programs that have been proven effective through rigorous evaluation to reduce teenage pregnancy, behavioral risk factors underlying teenage pregnancy, or other associated risk factors, and 25 percent shall be available for research and demonstration grants to develop, replicate, refine, and test additional models and innovative strategies for preventing teenage pregnancy.

Evaluation of Teen Pregnancy Prevention Approaches. – The Committee recommends \$7,892,000 under the Public Health Services Act for the evaluation of teenage pregnancy prevention approaches. In addition, \$600,000 is included for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation to support the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Evidence Review. The Evidence Review is an independent, systematic, rigorous review of evaluation studies that informs grant making and provides a clearinghouse of evidence-based programs for other Federal, State, and community initiatives.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

GENERAL PROVISION

Evaluation Set-Aside. – The Committee recommendation includes bill language that provides the Department with authority to use 1 percent of all discretionary appropriations provided in this Act for the Department of Education agencies, with the exception of Pell Grants, for evaluation purposes consistent with the terms and conditions of the Act

applicable to such office. The funds are in addition to other dollars that are specifically designated for evaluation purposes. The Committee also includes language that permits funds to be pooled across all education agencies to conduct evaluations without respect to the source of funds for those activities. The Committee directs that the Department provide an evaluation plan to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees no later than 15 days prior to any transfer of funds.

DEPARTMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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Strengthening Data Privacy. – The Committee directs the Secretary in conjunction with the Secretary of Labor to provide guidance and technical assistance on integrated data systems and student and worker privacy. This guidance should build on and expand the guidance issued by the Privacy Technical Assistance Center in January 2017 (PTAC-IB-4).

EDUCATION FOR THE DISADVANTAGED

Grants to Local Education Agencies. – The Committee has included language, as outlined in Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), that requires States to set aside 7% of the funds for Title I, Part A, for activities to help school districts improve low-performing schools and develop and implement improvement plans that must include evidence-based interventions that are supported by strong, moderate, or promising levels of evidence. Further, the Committee directs the Department to provide technical assistance and support to States and school districts to help them carry out this requirement.

Comprehensive Literacy State Development Grants. - The Committee recommends \$194,000,000 for this program that provides competitive grants to SEAs that then subgrant at least 95 percent of such funds to eligible entities to support efforts to improve the literacy skills of children and students from birth through 12th grade in high-need schools and early education programs in a State for each of several age bands through implementation of evidence-based practices and interventions.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS

Magnet Schools Assistance. – The Committee has included \$149,000,000 to assist eligible local educational agencies in the desegregation of schools by supporting the elimination, reduction, and prevention of racial isolation in elementary and secondary schools with substantial proportions of students of color. Projects support the development and design of innovative education methods and practices, including evidence-based approaches, that promote diversity and increase choices in public education programs. Grantees establish and operate magnet schools that are part of court or agency-ordered desegregation plans and that offer special curricula or instructional programs that appeal to parents and students from diverse backgrounds.

INDIAN EDUCATION

Special Programs for Indian Children. - The Committee recommends \$72,000,000 for Special Programs for Indian Children. Funds are used for demonstration grants to improve Indian student achievement from early childhood education through college preparation programs, and for professional development grants for training Indians who are preparing to begin careers in teaching and school administration. The initiative should support teacher leadership models to increase the retention of effective, experienced Native American teachers and are evidence-based programs that have been modified to be culturally appropriate for Indian students.

INNOVATION AND IMPROVEMENT

Education Innovation and Research (EIR). – The Committee recommends \$514,000,000 for EIR grants to support field-initiated State and local efforts to develop and implement innovative evidence-based projects. Funds will support new and ongoing projects that will refine innovative new practices with the potential for future scaling-up as well as expansion grants that will require more rigorous levels of evidence in order to justify further replication and scaling.

Supporting Effective Educator Development Grant (SEED). – The Committee recommends \$94,000,000 for SEED to expand support for grants to national nonprofit organizations that provide evidence-based professional development activities for teachers, principals, and school leaders.

American History and Civics Education. - The Committee recommends \$23,000,000 to improve the quality of teaching and learning of American history, civics and government and to promote evidence-based instructional methods and professional development.

Comprehensive Centers. - The Committee recommends \$60,000,000 to support capacity-building services to state educational agencies, regional educational agencies, local educational agencies, and schools with the goal of improving the quality of instruction, improving educational outcomes, and closing achievement gaps.

Javits Gifted and Talented Education Program. – The Committee recommends \$16,500,000 to coordinated program of research, demonstration projects, innovative strategies, and other activities to build and enhance the capacity of elementary and secondary schools to identify gifted and talented students and meet their special educational needs and provide resources to increase educational opportunity for underserved student groups, including students of color, English learners, and students with disabilities.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Personnel Preparation. - The Committee recommends \$134,500,000 for the Personnel Preparation program which funds competitive awards to help State-identified needs for personnel who are qualified to work with children with disabilities, including special education teachers and related services personnel. The program is required to fund several other broad areas, including training leadership personnel and personnel who work with children with low-incidence disabilities, and providing enhanced support for beginning special educators, and evidence-based practices and instructions and services that improve outcomes for children with disabilities.

Technical Assistance and Dissemination. - The Committee recommends \$75,345,000 for Technical Assistance and Dissemination to support awards for technical assistance, model demonstration projects, the dissemination of useful information, and other activities. Funding supports activities that are designed to improve the services provided under the IDEA.

Technology and Media Services. - The Committee recommends \$31,433,000 for competitive awards to support the development, demonstration, and use of technology and educational media activities including evidence-based approaches for children with disabilities.

REHABILITATION SERVICES

Demonstration and Training Programs. – The Committee recommendation includes \$5,796,000 for demonstration and training programs. These programs support activities designed to increase employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities by expanding and improving the availability and provision of rehabilitation and other services.

SAFE SCHOOLS AND CITIZEN EDUCATION

School Safety and National Activities. – The Committee has included \$601,000,000 for activities to improve students’ safety and well-being. Funding is also included to continue and expand Mental Health Services Professional Demonstration Grants that support innovative partnerships and evidence-based approaches to address the shortage of school-based mental health providers by training such providers for employment in high-need schools and LEAs.

Project Prevent.—The Committee recommends \$8,000,000 to continue existing Project Prevent grants. These grants are helping increase the capacity of LEAs in communities with high rates of violence to address the needs of students, including by supporting trauma-informed practices, and help break the cycle of violence.

Promise Neighborhoods. – The Committee recommends \$182,000,000 for the Promise Neighborhoods program for competitive grants to not-for-profit, community-based organizations for the development of comprehensive neighborhood programs designed to combat the effects of poverty and improve educational and life outcomes for children and youth, from birth through college. The committee urges the Department to prioritize the use of evidence-based practices and interventions, built on the particular needs of the community, to improve the academic and developmental outcomes of children living in the most distressed communities.

SCHOOL SAFETY NATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Full-Service Community Schools. – The Committee has included \$443,000,000 for Full-Service Community Schools for competitive grants to support school-based comprehensive services for students, families, and communities and evidence-based models to meet the holistic needs of children and families.

INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION SCIENCES

Institute of Education Sciences. – The Committee includes \$900,000,000 to support research, statistics, evaluation and innovative programs like the Regional Education Laboratory program to study and provide policymakers, educators, teachers, and students with the necessary tools to meet the problems and challenges faced by today’s schools.

HIGHER EDUCATION

Hispanic-Serving Institutions [HSIs].—The Committee recommends \$246,500,000 for competitive grants to institutions at which Hispanic students make up at least 25 percent of enrollment. Projects are designed to improve students’ social, emotional, academic, and career development, with a focus on underserved students and provide evidence-based professional development opportunities

Promoting Postbaccalaureate Opportunities for Hispanic Americans.—The Committee recommends \$27,769,000 for competitive grants to HSIs to help Hispanic Americans gain entry into and succeed in graduate study. The Committee encourages the Department to prioritize awards for projects that use evidence-based practices for advancing student success for underserved students.

Strengthening Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions [AANAPISIs].—The Committee recommends \$18,899,000 for competitive grants to AANAPISIs that have an enrollment of undergraduate students that is at least 10 percent Asian American or Native American Pacific Islander students. Grants may be used to improve their capacity to serve Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander students and low- income individuals and evidence-based approaches to expand student opportunity and academic achievement gaps.

Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems. – The Committee recommends \$100,000,000 for Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems (SLDS) for competitive grants to support the development, maintenance, and expansions of State longitudinal data systems. Increased support for the SLDS program will further strengthen State data infrastructure and linkages, contribute to improved data access, and use for evidence-based policymaking, and build capacity in States to secure and protect data.

Federal TRIO Programs. – The Committee recommends \$1,297,761,000 to support programs to encourage low-income, first-generation college students to enter and complete college. The Committee continues to urge the Department to include an evidence-based priority during grant competitions.

Gaining Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP). – The Committee recommends \$400,000,000 to support State grants and partnerships with low-income schools and community organizations to provide students with skills and scholarships to pursue postsecondary education. The program includes an evaluation set-aside for data collection. The Committee continues to urge the Department to include an evidence-based priority during grant competitions.

Postsecondary Student Success Grants. – The Committee has included \$100,000,000 for grants to support individuals, who have started but not completed postsecondary education, provide essential wrap-around services, increase postsecondary degree attainment, and career success for high-need students. The Committee further directs the Department to carry out this program as a tiered-evidence competition, in the same structure as EIR, and require rigorous independent evaluations of grantee projects.

Basic Needs Systems Grants.—The Committee includes \$10,000,000 for competitive grants to IHEs, consortia of IHEs, or a system of higher education, that enroll a significant population of low-income students to advance systemic solutions and evidence-based approaches to improve outcomes for underserved students and basic needs security.

Transitioning Gang-Involved Youth to Higher Education. – The Committee recommends \$5,000,000 to support IHEs and other non-profit organizations that are best prepared services necessary to enable gang youth, including youth with disabilities, to transition to postsecondary programs to pursue a certificate, degree, or other credential. Programs include apprenticeships or other workforce preparation programs that promote job readiness upon completion of the program, while simultaneously providing essential wrap-around services that include culturally competent social and emotional support and comprehensive and evidence-based services or initiatives.

Rural Postsecondary and Economic Development (RPED). The Committee recommends \$45,000,000 to promote innovative, evidence-based approaches to improve rates of postsecondary enrollment, persistence, and completion among rural students through development of high-quality career pathways aligned to high-skill, high-wage, or in-demand industry sectors and occupations in the region.

GENERAL PROVISION

Higher Education Evaluation Set Aside. – The Committee continues a provision allowing up to 0.5 percent of funds appropriated in this Act for programs authorized under the HEA, except for the Pell Grant program, to be used for evaluation of any HEA program.

RELATED AGENCY

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

AmeriCorps State and National Grants. – The Committee recommends \$764,000,000 to support grants to community-based organizations and agencies to address local needs in education, public safety, health, and the environment. These funds will also continue to support and invest in evidence-informed and evidence-based community solutions, providing a critical source of human capital to meet pressing needs across the country and a pathway to economic and educational opportunities for AmeriCorps members. The Committee also supports the use of evidence in the making of grant awards. Further, the Committee supports efforts to increase the number of AmeriCorps to 100,000 members each year.

Evaluation. – The Committee has included \$6,250,000 for the Corporation to continue its research and evaluation agenda and to implement the most effective policies, practices, and program initiatives to build strong evidence and improve outcomes.

US DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES
GENERAL PROVISION

Improving Data Reporting. – The Committee directs the Departments of Labor and Education to submit a report to Congress within 180 days of enactment on how to improve data reporting systems across the Departments including required data collections under IDEA, WIOA, and other variables. The Committee seeks to understand the barriers and opportunities to improving data systems, including those that have been or could be supported through programs in this act, that can be used to inform transition outcomes for students with disabilities, and that improve program outcomes for participants served under such programs and the overall customer experience of State grantees and substate subgrantees.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

GENERAL PROVISION

Evaluation Set-Aside. – The Committee has included bill language to set-aside funding to support the evaluation of programs within the Department of Justice. Instead of directly providing funds for evaluation, the Committee recommendation supports evaluation activities, and has included a set-aside of 1.0 percent of programs within the Department. These funds will ensure that sufficient funding is available to carry out comprehensive evaluation and Department programs. The results would inform policy, advance the Department’s mission, and improve its performance-based management initiatives.

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STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE

Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Grants (Title II). – The Committee has included \$157,000,000, for grants to implement comprehensive State juvenile justice plans, including community-based prevention and intervention programs and activities for juvenile offenders. Funds are used to establish effective education, training, and research and evaluation, including an emphasis on the use of data and evidence in policy making and program development.

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, AND HOUSING AND URBAN
DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING MANAGEMENT AND
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PUBLIC HOUSING OPERATING FUND

Choice Neighborhood Initiative. – The Committee includes \$450,000,000 for competitive grants to address community and economic development needs through evidence-based approaches to public safety, early learning, and after-school education to transform neighborhoods of concentrated poverty. Grants are provided to local governments, assisted housing owners, community development corporations, non- and for-profit entities as well as public housing and tribally designated housing entities.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RELATED AGENCIES

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

GENERAL PROVISION

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U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
GLOBAL PROGRAMS

Development Innovation Ventures (DIV). – The Committee includes \$45,000,000 for DIV to invest in Innovative programs and support a tiered-evidence approach to testing, developing, implementing, scaling-up and evaluating global development solutions that have the potential to change millions of lives in developing countries